

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
JOHN RICCIARDELLI, M.D.**

**COMMISSIONER'S  
ORDER OF  
SUMMARY  
ACTION**

TO: John Ricciardelli, M.D.  
Long Island Weight Loss Institute  
329 East Main Street, Suite 9  
Smithtown, New York 11787

The undersigned, Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that JOHN RICCIARDELLI, M.D. (henceforth "Respondent") New York license number 160146 has pleaded or been found guilty or convicted of committing an act constituting a felony under New York State law, federal law, or the law of another jurisdiction which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under New York State law, as is more fully set forth in the Statement of Charges attached to the Notice of Referral Proceeding or Notice of Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York, or practice in any setting under the authority of Respondent's New York license.

Any practice of medicine in violation of this Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within ninety days of the service of this order and shall end within ninety days thereafter. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law

§230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Hearing or Notice of Referral Proceeding provided to the Respondent contemporaneously with this Order.

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MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR  
SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT  
TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC  
HEALTH LAW §230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN  
ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York  
February 14, 2019

  
Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.  
Commissioner of Health  
New York State Department of Health

Inquiries should be directed to:

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Albany, NY 12237  
(518) 473-4282

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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OF  
JOHN RICCIARDELLI, M.D.

NOTICE OF  
REFERRAL  
PROCEEDING

TO: JOHN RICCIARDELLI, M.D.  
LONG ISLAND WEIGHT LOSS INSTITUTE  
329 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 9  
SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK 11787

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

An adjudicatory proceeding will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(p) and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The proceeding will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Committee) on May 16, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the New York State Department of Health, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Menands (Albany), NY 12204-2719.<sup>1</sup>

At the proceeding, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the proceeding will be made and the witnesses at the proceeding will be sworn and examined.

You may appear in person at the proceeding and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. You may produce evidence or sworn testimony on your behalf. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify.

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<sup>1</sup> For GPS purposes, enter "Menands", not "Albany".

If you intend to present sworn testimony, the number of witnesses and an estimate of the time necessary for their direct examination must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway - Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES HORAN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION (Telephone: (518-402-0748), (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication") as well as the Department of Health attorney indicated below, no later than twenty days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, as indicated above. Should the parties have objection to proposed witnesses or documentary evidence, the party raising the objection shall contact the Bureau of Adjudication to arrange for a pre-hearing conference with the Administrative Law Judge, prior to the hearing date.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(p), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges not later than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. You may file a written brief and affidavits with the Committee. Six copies of all papers you submit must be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication at the address indicated above, no later than fourteen days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, and a copy of all papers must be served on the same date on the Department of Health attorney indicated below. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner hereby demands disclosure of the evidence that the Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence and a description of physical or other evidence which cannot be photocopied.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE ATTACHED CHARGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THEY ARE SERVED.

Department attorney: Initial here [REDACTED]

The proceeding may be held whether or not you appear. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, with a copy of the request to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the proceeding. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation. Failure to obtain an attorney within a reasonable period of time prior to the proceeding will not be grounds for an adjournment.

The Committee will make a written report of its findings, conclusions as to guilt, and a determination. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

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DATED: Albany, New York  
February 27, 2019



TIMOTHY J. MAHAR  
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STATEMENT

OF

CHARGES

JOHN RICCIARDELLI, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about September 17, 1984 by the issuance of license number 160146 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. On or about November 6, 2018 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the Respondent was convicted of one count of the felony Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 (a) (1) and 841 (b) (1) (c), Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 and 3551, et seq. The Respondent was sentenced to 3 years of probation and ordered to pay a \$100 assessment, a fine of \$5,000 and a forfeiture money judgment of \$20,000.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

CRIMINAL CONVICTION (Federal)

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(a)(ii) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraph 1.

DATE: February 27, 2019  
Albany, New York

  
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Timothy J. Mahar/  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct